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INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT, TOKYO, FEBRUARY 1-7, 1977

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1. PERM REPS SOUGHT FURTHER CLARIFICATION FROM THE  
SECRETARIAT OF ESCAP ON OBJECTIVES OF SUBJECT MEETING  
DURING COURSE OF ACPR MEETING 23 DECEMBER.  
QUESTIONS FOCUSED ON EXTENT OF OVERLAP AND DUPLICATION  
BETWEEN TOKYO MEETING AND FORTHCOMING FAO MEETING  
LEADING TO WORLD CONFERENCE ON AGRARIAN REFORM AND RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT IN 1979; QUERIED POINT OF A MEETING  
DEVOTED SOLELY TO DISCUSSION OF ESCAP WORK PROGRAM  
FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN ISOLATION FROM THE OTHER AGENCIES  
WORK PROGRAMS IN THIS FIELD AND URGED THE SECRETARIAT TO  
APPROACH THOSE AGENCIES TO SUBMIT THEIR PROGRAMS IN  
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ADVANCE OF THE TOKYO MEETING TO PERMIT USEFUL DISCUSSION  
OF OVERALL WORK IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT AREA.

2. MARAMIS RESPONDED BY EMPHASIZING THERE HAD BEEN CLOSE  
CONSULTATION WITH FAO AND OTHER INVOLVED AGENCIES  
THROUGH THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE AND REITERATED

THAT ALL PARTICIPATING AGENCIES HAD CONCURRED IN THE ITEM 5 DOCUMENT "FRAMEWORK FOR A REGIONAL PLAN OF ACTION". HE WAS HOPEFUL THAT FAO AND THE OTHER AGENCIES WOULD ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN TOKYO AND BRING THEIR WORK PROGRAMS WITH THEM, BUT ESCAP COULD NOT INSIST UPON THIS OWING TO THE STRUCTURE OF THOSE AGENCIES AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO THEIR OWN GOVERNING BODIES. MARAMIS CONSIDERED HIS EFFORTS TO COORDINATE MEETING WERE BASED ON A PRAGMATIC APPROACH AND SUGGESTED THAT LACK OF COORDINATION OFTEN STEMMED FROM DIFFERENCES BETWEEN VARIOUS MINISTRIES OF HOME COUNTRIES WHICH HAMPERED INTER-AGENCY COOPERATION. UNLESS COORDINATION WAS ESTABLISHED AT THE COUNTRY LEVEL, REGIONAL COOPERATION COULD NOT BE ATTAINED. HE ADDED THAT IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE IF PROPER COORDINATION WAS NOT REACHED AT TOKYO AND UNDERLINED THE IMPORTANCE OF WELL COORDINATED INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY PROGRAMS WHICH ESCAP COULD ASSIST AND STRENGTHEN. THE SUCCESS OF ITEM 5 OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA RESTED ON GOOD COUNTRY SUBMISSIONS WHICH COULD FORM THE BASIS OF A USEFUL ESCAP ROLE IN COORDINATING COUNTRY PROGRAMS WITHIN THE REGIONAL FRAMEWORK. MARAMIS CONCLUDED BY ASKING GOVERNMENTS TO DECLASSIFY THEIR COUNTRY REPORTS AND ENTERED A PLEA FOR THEM TO EXERCISE THEIR INFLUENCE IN URGING THE UN AGENCIES TO PARTICIPATE AS FULLY AS POSSIBLE.

3. DURING THE ENSUING DISCUSSION, ACPR MEMBERS (PRIMARILY INDONESIA, AUSTRALIA, JAPAN, NETHERLAND, PAKISTAN, PHILIPPINES AND U S ) RECOGNIZED THE ESCAP INITIATIVE IN ESTABLISHING A ROLE AS COORDINATOR FOR REGIONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND THAT THIS FIELD COVERED A BROADER AREA THAN FAO. ASPECTS OF EVERY ESCAP COMMITTEE WERE AFFECTED WHICH REQUIRED A CONSTRUCTIVE OPERATIONAL APPROACH. THE ACTIVITIES OF EACH COUNTRY WERE EQUALLY IMPORTANT TO THE JOINT INPUT OF UN AGENCIES AND A SUCCESSFUL TOKYO MEETING NEEDED A GLIMPSE OF THE OTHER AGENCIES PROGRAMS TO SEE HOW THOSE AGENCIES MIGHT CONTRIBUTE MORE TO VARIOUS REGIONAL ACTIVITIES. THE ACPR ASKED THE SECRETARIAT TO APPROACH THE AGENCIES AGAIN FOR MORE INFORMATION AND MARAMIS PROMISED TO INVITE THEM TO SUPPLY EXTRACTS OR SUMMARIES OF THEIR PROGRAMS AS BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS. HE ALSO DECLARED THAT RURAL DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE A CONTINUING PREOCCUPATION OF ALL GOVERNMENTS AND RECOMMENDED AN ANNUAL FORUM TO DISCUSS FOLLOW-UP TO THE TOKYO MEETING.

4. COMMENT: IT REMAINS DIFFICULT TO ASSESS THE OBJECTIVES OF THE TOKYO MEETING UNLESS IT RECEIVES THE

FULL PARTICIPATION OF ALL AGENCIES INVOLVED IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT. EVEN THIS WOULD NOT GUARANTEE SUCESS SINCE THERE ARE OTHER WAYS TO UNDERCUT AN EFFORT THAN BY NOT COOPERATING. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE MEETING MIGHT PROVE TO HAVE MORE POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE THAN EXPERT OR PROFESSIONAL SIGNIFICANCE AND THIS COULD, INITIALLY, BE OF SOME HELP TO ESCAP IN ACHIEVING A COORDINATED INTER-AGENCY APPROACH TO RURAL DEVELOPMENT. THER IS, UNFORTUNATELY, LITTLE TIME TO OBTAIN THE OVER-ALL IMPUT GIVEN THE 1 FEBRUARY DEADLINE. EMBASSY CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT POLITICAL EVALUATION OBTAIN PER REFTLEL 4 PARA 5. THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER A POLITICALLY ASTUTE RURAL DEVELOPMENT EXPERT FOR PARTICIPATION IN THIS MEETING.  
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